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Letter dated 4 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention a statement concerning the referendum for the adoption of a new constitution in Burundi, issued on 4 March 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a Security Council document.

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Annex to the letter dated 4 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement concerning the referendum for the adoption of a new constitution in Burundi, issued on 4 March 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the successful holding of the referendum for the adoption of a new constitution organized in Burundi on Monday, 28 February 2005, as well as the high turnout.

Adoption of the new Burundian constitution is a crucial step on the road to restoring peace and stability in Burundi and throughout the entire Great Lakes region.

The European Union encourages Burundi to complete as swiftly as possible the remaining stages in the implementation of the electoral process provided for in the peace agreements. The European Union urges all political forces to take part in this process, and to accept unreservedly this expression of the will of the people.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.